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TEAM RETAILERS MEETING ON THE PROBLEM OF FAIR DAY SALES
JULY 20, 1941.

I am glad to have the privilege of welcoming you to Detroit. We greatly appreciate your coming here to discuss informally the problem of Sunday selling.

Since most of you probably are aware of the fact that we have opened a few limited stores on Sunday since the first of this year, you may be wondering about our special interest in this matter.

Well, I would like to make our position perfectly clear. We are absolutely opposed to the extension of Sunday selling by general law. We are not here to discuss or change our position.

But we also feel a responsibility to our shareholders which has compelled us to take what we consider to be a realistic position in a very few of the communities where competitive conditions and the proven attitude of the shopping public cannot be logically ignored.

Since legislative action seems to present the best hope for stopping this trend, particularly since the recent Supreme Court decisions, I sincerely hope that this meeting will develop practical approaches to this end.

So, good luck — and I am looking forward to being with you for lunch.

H. E. CRITCHFIELD

Attending were —

Earl H. Halperin, Vice President, S. H. Kress Co.

Wayne Wright, Field Personnel }
Fred Zent, Legal Department } Montgomery Ward

E. G. Practices, Director of
Employee and Public Relations - G. C. Murphy Co.

George M. Stone Director of Public Relations - J. C. Penney Co.

Philip W. Schmid, Exec. Dir.
Variety Stores Association

A. O. Turek Director of Governmental Affairs - Sears Roebuck

A. E. Fairbanks)
W. E. Sturges) SAK Co.
W. G. Walters)

E. P. Harrigan, Vice President
T. J. Mullin, Asst. Secretary) - F. W. Woolworth

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